

Boone County Conservation Board regular meeting  
Monday, April 13, 2020  
Virtual video conference via Zoom

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the board was unable to meet in person. Therefore, this meeting was conducted virtually using Zoom and live-streamed to the public via YouTube. Members present: Jennifer Schieltz, Marilyn Jordan, Al Treloar, Greg Stotts, Molly Ketchum  
Employees present: Ex. Dir. Scheuermann

Chair Treloar called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Motion to approve the agenda by Jordan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stotts, Passed.

Motion to approve minutes of the March 3, 2020 meeting by Stotts, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jordan. Passed.

Ex. Dir. Scheuermann reviewed financial information and bills for the month. Ketchum moved and Stotts seconded a motion to approve monthly bills totaling \$16,487.24 and REAP – Bait Shop expenses totaling \$2110.50. Passed.

Old business:

Ex. Dir. Scheuermann gave an update on the Clover Woods property following a meeting with people from INHF and the Iowa DNR. Scheuermann put together a short proposal about possibly saving some of the buildings on site and what we see as a vision for the property. The DNR is still not interested in keeping any of the buildings permanently, but may hold off on demolishing the Linden Lodge for a few years and partnering with us to use it for programming. They are also open to partnering with us in the future on a brand new Nature Center.

New Business:

Ex. Dir. Scheuermann discussed Boone County Conservation's response and policy for the current COVID-19 virus situation. A Public Notice is posted on our county website and at most locations. Our parks, trails, and wildlife areas are still open to the public, but all offices, rental facilities, campgrounds, and playgrounds are closed to the public until April 30, 2020. All public programming is also canceled or postponed until April 30th. Refunds are being given for cabin rentals that can no longer take place. Employee operations have been affected and adjusted to conform with social distancing and county policies. The golf course clubhouse is scheduled to open this Friday for transactions – for patrons to pay for their round of golf or get takeout food. Dir. Scheuermann will meet with the concessionaire this week to discuss possible extra mitigation measures.

Ex. Dir. Scheuermann noted that we are applying for a Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant for Phase 1 of the proposed bike trail from the High Trestle Trail to Swede Point Park. A Resolution on Acquisition or Development for Outdoor Recreation is required as part of this application. Ketchum made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Stotts. Motion passed.

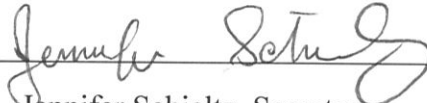
Open Discussion:

Ex. Dir. Scheuermann said that during the pause in other operations due to COVID-19, the staff is working to clean, repair, and polish our facilities so they are ready to go when we can re-open.

Jordan moved and Ketchum seconded a motion to adjourn at 6:44 pm. Passed.



Alvin A. Treloar, Chair



Jennifer Schieltz, Secretary